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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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INFO USINT DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 6081

KUWAIT ALSO FOR DOHA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE, SY

SUBJECT: VISIT LEBANESE FONMIN NAFFAH TO DAMASCUS AND TEHRAN

1. FORMIN NAFFAH TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON MAY 31 THAT HE INTENDS SPEND TOMORROW IN DAMASCUS CONFERRING WITH FONMIN KHADDAM. NAFFAH SAYS HE MAY MEET PRESIDENT ASSAD BUT THIS HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN LAID ON. OBJECTIVE OF HIS VISIT IS TO DISCUSS WITH SYRIANS HOW FEDAYEEN EXTREMISTS CAN BE CONTROLLED AND TO REPORT TO SYRIANS ON PRIME MINISTER SOLH'S RECENT TRIP TO GULF STATES.

2. HE ALSO WANTS TO TAKE THE DAMASCUS TEMPERATURE AND PLANS TO DISCUSS IN MOST GENERAL TERMS POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED SYRIAN AND LEBANESE COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

3. NAFFAH CONTINUED THAT PRIME MINISTER TAKIEDDINE SOLH AND HE WILL BE LEAVING ABOUT JUNE 12 FOR A FOUR OR FIVE DAY VISIT TO TEHRAN. HERE AGAIN THEY
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WILL BE SEEKING ECONOMIC AID TO DEVELOP GOL MILITRY

DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY AS WELL AS MORAL BACKING AGAINST
FEDAYEEN EXTREMISTS. GODLEY

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